

Maddy Curley



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- Senior
- Tallahassee, Fla.
- Leon High School
- All-Around

PERSONAL BESTS AT UNC

Vault: 9.625 at EAGL Championships 3-24-01, at William & Mary 1-14-02 and vs. James Madison 2-17-02

Uneven Bars: 9.850 at Wolfpack Invitational 2-28-03

Balance Beam: 9.900 at William & Mary 1-14-02

Floor Exercise: 9.950 at EAGL Championships 3-23-02

All-Around: 38.975 at NCAA Regional 4-7-01

PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite Saying: "You're only as happy as you make your mind up to be." -Abraham Lincoln

Goals For The Year: To make straight A's, go to nationals as a team and find a job for after graduation.

Word That Best Describes Her: Determined

What She Did Over The Summer: Studied in Moscow, Russia, and trained at Dynamo, a famous Russian gym.

Hobbies: Making scrapbooks, improvisation and acting

Favorite Movie: *Dumb and Dumber*

Favorite Book: *Catch-22*, Joseph Heller

Earliest Gymnastics Memory: Watching gymnasts train while eating in a Tallahassee restaurant next door to a gym

Would Like To Switch Places For A Day With: Barbara Walters

As a Junior:

Competed on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise at NCAA Regionals, earning ninth place on floor with a 9.800...had top 10 finishes in every meet of the year, including two at the EAGL Championships where she finished seventh on floor exercise (9.850) and 10th on balance beam (9.875)...set a personal best 9.850 on uneven bars at the Wolfpack Invitational, finishing third...balance beam champion at George Washington Invitational and later at Rutgers...runner-up on floor exercise (9.850) at Rutgers and on balance beam (9.875) at home meet vs. Minnesota, Towson and William & Mary...named to EAGL All-Academic team and NACGC Scholastic All-America team for third consecutive year...involved in Lab! Theatre, Company Carolina, Dance Marathon, Alpha Chi Omega sorority and CHiPs.

As a Sophomore:

Competed on bars, beam and floor at NCAA Regionals...runner-up at EAGL Championships on floor with a personal best of 9.950...successful at first meet at William and Mary, winning beam with a personal best of 9.900 and placing second both on floor (9.750) and in the all-around (38.325)...tied personal best of 9.625 on vault in a sixth place finish vs. James Madison...also placed third on floor (9.900) and third in the all-around (38.900) at the same meet...finished second on floor at Ball State after earning a score of 9.825...took third place on floor against Bowling Green and George Washington with a score of 9.825...runner-up at Wolfpack Invitational on floor with a 9.925...scored 9.825 on beam in another meet against James Madison to win second place...Coaches' Award for floor exercises...member of EAGL All-Academic team for second year in a row...named to All-EAGL second team for floor exercises...member of Athletes in Action and Alpha Chi Omega sorority...actress in plays on campus.

As a Freshman:

Qualified for NCAA Regionals in the all-around...at NCAA Regionals set personal bests on balance beam with a 9.875 to finish fifth and in the all-around with a 38.975 to finish 10th...set a personal best on vault at the EAGL Championships with a 9.625...placed second in the all-around with a 38.700 at Georgia...at William & Mary meet set season-highs on uneven bars (9.775) and floor (9.900)...Coaches award for floor exercise...member of EAGL All-Academic Team...member of Scholastic All-America Gymnastics Team...ACC Honor Roll...Dean's List student...Athletes in Action participant...UNC Dance Marathon volunteer...member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Prep:

First in all-around, beam and floor at National Elite Championships...four-time level 10 National qualifier...two-time winner of Dr. Harley Price Good Sportsman Award...three-time winner of Doug

Lemond Outstanding Gymnast award...Pierian National Honor Society President...Latin National Honor Society...student body vice president and Political Action Committee head.

Personal:

Daughter of John and Marilyn Bryant and John Curley...born December 3, 1981...given name is Madelyn Jane Curley...has one brother and three sisters...majoring in journalism and drama.



Maddy Curley placed ninth on floor exercise at NCAA Regionals in April 2003.





Skylar Inman

- Senior
- Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.
- North Myrtle Beach Christian School
- Uneven Bars, Balance Beam

PERSONAL BESTS AT UNC

Uneven Bars: 9.825 vs. NC State and Air Force 2-17-01 and vs. William and Mary 2-23-01

PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite Saying: "Put God first and everything else will fall into place." - her grandfather

Word That Best Describes Her: Ambitious

Hobbies: Reading the Bible and rock climbing

Favorite Movie: *Braveheart*

Favorite Book: *The Bible*

Would like to switch places for a day with: No one - she enjoys being herself.

Plans for summer 2004: Participating in a mission trip to Ecuador for two and a half months with teammates Elisabeth Alsop and Morgan Stanley

As a Junior:

Competed on uneven bars in four meets...season high was 9.725 at Governor's Cup...finished in 11th place in meet vs. Rutgers...named to EAGL All-Academic team for third consecutive year...led team's Bible study...participated as a small group leader in Athletes in Action and was the team academic captain.

As a Sophomore:

Performed on uneven bars in first meet vs. William and Mary...was not available to compete for most of season due to shoulder injury...named to EAGL All-Academic team for second year in a row...involved in Athletes in Action and team bible study.

As a Freshman:

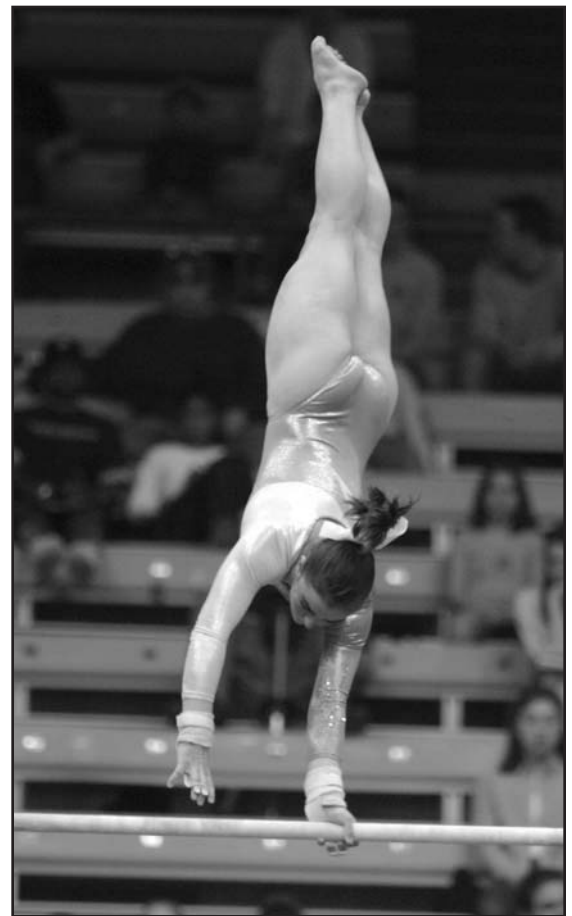
Participated on uneven bars during the 2001 season...set a personal best at NC State/Air Force meet with a 9.825...placed second and repeated personal best vs. William & Mary with a 9.825...EAGL All-Academic Team.

Prep:

Placed first on all events at 2000 Level 10 State Championships...1998 Level 10 State Champion...1996 Level 8 State Champion.

Personal:

Daughter of James and Susan Inman...born May 10, 1982...given name is Skylar Kristin Inman...has one brother and one sister...majoring in English...plans to get a master's degree in both education and biblical studies before becoming a missionary and high school teacher.



Skylar Inman faced limited competition last year as a result of a shoulder injury, but hopes to come back strong in 2004.



Amanda Smith



Amanda Smith

- Senior
- Greenville, N.C.
- Junius H. Rose
- Uneven Bars, Balance Beam

PERSONAL BESTS AT UNC

Balance Beam: 9.825 at Governor's Cup 2-3-01

Floor Exercise: 9.725 at Governor's Cup 2-3-01

PERSONALITY CHART

Best Advice Received: "Everything happens for a reason." - her mom

Goal For The Year: Making NCAA nationals as a team

What She Did Over The Summer: Went to St. Bart's in the Caribbean and went to an Orioles vs. Yankees game where she got to sit in Cal Ripken's seats in the first row behind home plate

Hobbies: Tennis and reading
Favorite Movie: *Pirates of the Caribbean*

Favorite Books: *Harry Potter* series, J.K. Rowling

Greatest Moment in Athletic Career: Winning EAGL Championships in 2002

Earliest Gymnastics Memory: Jumping over bean bags on the balance beam

Superstition: Has to wear the same hair rubberbands in every meet

As a Junior:

Competed on uneven bars at William & Mary with a season-high score of 9.500...named to EAGL All-Academic Team for third consecutive year...participated in ACC Outreach...member of campaign committee for senior class officers.

As a Sophomore:

Competed on beam in first meet vs. William and Mary...suffered foot injury during the season, limiting her availability for competition...named to EAGL All-Academic team for second consecutive year...involved in CPALS and Dance Marathon.

As a Freshman:

Competed on floor and balance beam during the 2001 season...at Governor's Cup, set a personal best on balance beam with a 9.825 and floor with a 9.725...against William & Mary placed seventh with a 9.700 on floor...ACC Honor Roll member...member of EAGL All-Academic Team...member of the Dean's List...involved in ACT student-athlete mentoring program.

Prep:

Two-time North Carolina State High School Champion while on the J.H. Rose High School Gymnastics team...team captain...Level 9 State Champion...four-time Regional Qualifier...National Qualifier...placed fifth on floor at nationals...member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Science Honor Society and Anchor Club.

Personal:

Daughter of Charles and Nancy Smith...born February 27, 1982...given name is Amanda Lee Smith...has one sister...majoring in exercise and sports science...would like to be an orthopedist.



Amanda Smith looks to compete on uneven bars this season.





Anna Wilson

- Senior
- Newland, N.C.
- Avery County
- All-Around

PERSONAL BESTS AT UNC

Vault: 9.900 at Governor's Cup 2-8-03

Uneven Bars: 9.925 at ECAC Championship* 3-24-01

Balance Beam: 9.925 at Wolfpack Invite 2-28-03

Floor Exercise: 10.0 vs. James Madison, William & Mary 2-7-03

All-Around: 39.250 vs. James Madison, William & Mary 2-7-03

**while competing at the University of Pennsylvania*

PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite Saying: "You make a better door than a window."

Goal For The Year: To go to NCAA nationals

Word That Best Describes Her: Busy

Hobbies: Playing with her two hamsters and her turtle

Favorite Movie: *Hope Floats*

Favorite Book: *A Walk to Remember*, Nicholas Sparks

Greatest Moment in Athletic Career: Winning EAGL Championships in 2002

Earliest Gymnastics Memory: Getting a black eye when she was five after jumping on a board and kneeling herself in the eye

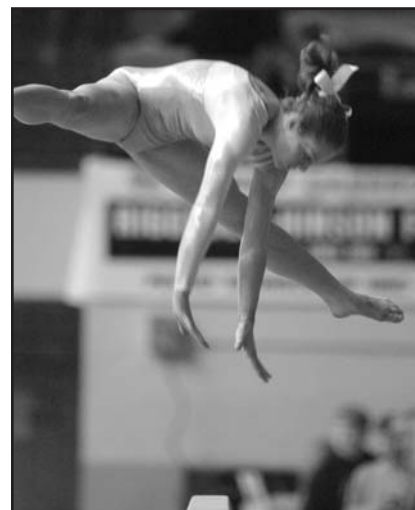
Superstition: She doesn't touch equipment before she competes or wash her wristbands during the season

As a Junior:

Qualified for NCAA Championships, where she competed in the all-around...placed fifth in the all-around at NCAA Regionals with a score of 39.000...competed as an all-arounder in 10 regular season meets, placing first or second in six: second at William & Mary (38.725); second vs. James Madison and William & Mary (39.250); second at Governor's Cup (39.400); first vs. Minnesota, Towson and William & Mary; second at Towson (39.125); and first vs. Rutgers (38.675)...earned school's second-ever 10.0 with a perfect score on floor exercise at a home meet vs. James Madison and William & Mary...ranked third in school history in all-around after scoring a 39.400 at the Governor's Cup...set four career-high scores: all-around, floor exercise, 9.925 on balance beam and 9.900 on vault...runner-up on floor exercise at Governor's Cup and UCLA with a 9.950...balance beam champion at William & Mary (9.825), Wolfpack Invitational (9.925) and Towson (9.825)...winner on floor exercise vs. Minnesota, Towson and William & Mary (9.925) and at Maryland (9.875)...unanimous selection to All-EAGL floor exercise first team...named to first team for all-around and second team for balance beam...involved in Athletes in Action, Campus Crusade, pre-vet club and Tri Beta.

As a Sophomore:

Placed 12th all-around at NCAA Regional with a score of 38.650...won floor at EAGL Championship, had a season-high of 9.975 and took 6th in the all-around (39.200)...finished first on bars (9.700) and in the all-around (38.850) in first meet against William and Mary...won floor exercises at George Washington Invitational and Ball State with scores of 9.875 both times...placed third on vault (9.825) and first on floor (9.925) at Governor's Cup...All-Around runner-up with a finish of 38.700 in meet against Bowling Green and George Washington...took first place in vault, beam and all-around at meet vs. James Madison with scores of 9.800, 9.950 and a personal best of 39.225, respectively...finished second on floor (9.850) and third all-around (38.500) in competition against William and Mary and Towson...runner-up on vault at Wolfpack Invitational with a score of 9.825...took fourth place in all-around at same meet with a 39.075...received Coaches' Award for floor exercises...named to All-EAGL floor exercise first team and all-around second team...involved in pre-vet club, Campus Crusade and Athletes in Action.



Anna Wilson, who transferred to UNC in 2002, has played a key role in Carolina's recent success.

As a Freshman:

Competed for the University of Pennsylvania during the 2001 season...set school records on vault (9.85), uneven bars (9.975), floor exercise (9.975) and all-around (39.225)...Finished first on vault with a 9.85 at the 2001 Ivy League Championships...Captured the East Coast Athletic Conference 2001 all-around title (39.225), uneven bars title (9.900) and floor exercise title (9.975).

Prep:

Captured all five event titles at the 1999-2000 North Carolina Level 10 Championship meet...finished ninth in the all-around at the 1999 Level 10 regional meet...finished ninth in the all-around at 2000 Level 10 Regionals...at the 2000 Level 10 Nationals placed ninth on vault and 15th on floor...four-year member of Avery County High School track and field team...received All-Conference honors in track and field 1997-1999...placed seventh in triple jump at 1998 North Carolina State Meet...Active in Interact, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Business Leaders of America...member of National Honor Society, National Vocational Honor Society, Beta Club and Science Club.

Personal:

Daughter of Ken and Phyllis Wilson...born Nov. 9, 1981...given name is Anna Rachael Wilson...has one twin brother and one sister...majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry...plans on a career in veterinary medicine.

Junior Profiles

Elisabeth Alsop

- Junior
- Raleigh, N.C.
- Leesville Road
- All-Around



As a Sophomore

Competed on vault, balance beam and floor exercise at NCAA Regionals...regularly competed on vault, balance beam and floor exercise, earning personal bests in each one...performed as an all-arounder for first time at George Washington Invitational, scoring a 37.375...set career-high 9.850 on floor exercise at Governor's Cup...earned personal best of 9.825 on vault in a fourth place finish vs. Minnesota, Towson and William & Mary...finished seventh on balance beam at Wolfpack Invitational with personal record of 9.875...named to EAGL All-Academic and NACGC Scholastic All-America teams...involved in Athletes in Action.

As a Freshman

Competed in NCAA Regional Championship, placing 17th on bars and eighth on beam with season bests of 9.775 and 9.850, respectively...Earned a 10th place finish on beam at EAGL Championship with a score of 9.825...Scored a season-best of 9.650 on vault at meet at James Madison, placing sixth...awarded 2002 Most Improved Athlete...named to EAGL All-Academic team...member of Athletes in Action.

Prep

Member of two-time North Carolina State High School Championship team...2001 Leesville Road High School Team Captain...1999 and 2000 North Carolina High School all-around champion...2000-2001 Level 10 North Carolina State Championship competitor...2000 and 2001 USAG Regional Qualifier...2001 Level 10 Junior Olympic National Qualifier.

Personal

Daughter of Bill and Cathy Alsop...born Sept. 23, 1983...given name is Elisabeth Anne Alsop...has one brother...majoring in spanish with a minor in linguistics...plans on being a Spanish teacher.



Elisabeth Alsop received the team's Most Improved award in 2002 and the Tonietto award in 2003 for aesthetic qualities.

Morgan Stanley

- Junior
- Raleigh, N.C.
- Garner
- Vault



As a Sophomore

Competed on vault...earned season-high 9.550 at Wolfpack Invitational...scored 9.500 at William & Mary.

As a Freshman

Competed on vault and floor exercises...earned season high of 9.45 on vault in meet against Bowling Green and George Washington...involved in Dance Marathon and student government...participant in Campus Crusade and Athletes in Action...College Republicans member.

Prep

Finished fifth in all-around at the 2000 Level 10 Championship meet...member of 2000-2001 North Carolina High School Conference Championship team...Garner Senior High Team Captain...swam the breaststroke and butterfly for six years...member of National Beta Club and Student Council...distinguished Honor Graduate...North Carolina Scholar, Junior Marshall and Coca-Cola Academic All-Conference team.

Personal

Daughter of Vicki and Terry Stanley...Born Dec. 22, 1982...given name is Morgan Dale Stanley...has two sisters...majoring in environmental science...would like to be a lawyer for the EPA.

STANLEY'S PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "Lord let me make a difference for you that is utterly disproportionate to who I am." - John Piper

Best advice received: "Take care of your head - that's good advice for life." - Skylar Inman

Hobbies: Dancing

Favorite movies: *Tombstone* and *Good Will Hunting*

Favorite books: *The Bible* and *Passion and Purity*, Elisabeth Elliot

Earliest gymnastics memory: Getting a zero on vault at her first meet at age 8 after missing her hands twice

ALSOP'S PERSONALITY CHART

Best advice received: "The only thing that matters is your relationship with God and your relationship with people." - Barbara Alsop

Goals for the year: To be consistent and to perform gymnastics for the Lord instead of herself.

Word that best describes her: Christian

Favorite Movie: *The 10 Commandments*

Greatest moment in athletic career: Winning the EAGL Championship her freshman year and advancing to regionals

Earliest gymnastics memory: Not being able to do a handstand in YMCA gymnastics



Olivia Trusty

- Junior
- Baltimore, Md.
- Bryn Mawr
- All-Around



Amy Williams

- Junior
- Westchester, Pa.
- Henderson
- All-Around



As a Sophomore:

Competed on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise at NCAA Regionals, finishing in the top 10 on each event: fourth on floor exercise (9.850), seventh on vault (9.825) and 10th on uneven bars (9.725)...performed in top 10 on vault (9.850, 8th), uneven bars (9.850, 9th) and floor exercise (9.875, 4th) at EAGL Championships...had 10 first or second place finishes during the season, including a career-high 9.900 score as vault champion at meet vs. James Madison and William & Mary...tied personal best of 9.950 on floor exercise at Governor's Cup...named Carolina's

first-ever EAGL Specialist of the Week, a league award started in 2003...performed well against Rutgers, winning uneven bars and floor exercise with scores of 9.850 and 9.900, respectively, and finishing second on vault with a 9.850...named to All-EAGL second team on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise...earned EAGL All-Academic Team honors for second straight year...named to NACGC Scholastic All-America team.

TRUSTY'S PERSONALITY CHART

Best advice received: Never give up - her parents
Goal for the year: Going to nationals
Hobbies: Jet-skiing, listening to music and dancing
Word that best describes her: Conservative
Earliest gymnastics memory: winning second place on vault in her second competition

As a Freshman:

Had 19 top five finishes, including nine first place finishes during the season...competed on vault, bars and floor at NCAA Regionals...runner-up in both vault and bars at EAGL meet with scores of 9.875 and 9.900, respectively...placed seventh on floor at EAGL with a 9.925...Governor's cup champion in both vault (9.875) and bars (9.900), setting personal records on bars...won vault with a score of 9.800 and floor with a 9.900 in meet against Bowling Green and George Washington...took first place on bars and floor against JMU, earning a personal best on floor with a 9.950...had first place finish against William & Mary and Towson on vault (9.875)...won vault and bars in second meet against James Madison as well as placing second on floor with a score of 9.900...awarded EAGL All-Academic Honors...Coaches' Awards for vault and floor exercises...named to All-EAGL vault first team.

Prep:

Member of Rebounders' three-time Maryland Level 10 State Championship team...competed at Level 10 nationals five times...13 years of competitive gymnastics experience...honor roll student.

Personal:

Daughter of Terry and Ellen Trusty...born Sept. 20, 1983...given name is Olivia Britt Trusty...has five sisters and one brother, including a sister who plays lacrosse at Dartmouth...majoring in political science while pursuing a minor in social and economic justice...post-school ambition is to work in government.

As a Sophomore:

Competed on vault at NCAA Regional, placing 16th...finished eighth on vault at EAGL Championships with a season-high 9.850...earned personal bests of 9.825 on floor exercise at UCLA and balance beam at EAGL Championships...had nine top 10 finishes on vault with five being fourth place or higher...highest finish was second place at Maryland with a 9.825...consistent vault competitor but also competed on balance beam and floor exercise in several meets...named to EAGL All-Academic and NACGC Scholastic All-America teams...participated in Dance Marathon and Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-health fraternity.

As a Freshman:

Placed 18th on vault at NCAA Regionals with a 9.725...took seventh at EAGL Championships, scoring 9.825 on vault...won vault at first meet against William & Mary by earning a personal best of 9.950...finished first on vault at GW Invitational (9.775)...set a personal best of 9.550 on bars in a 14th place finish at Ball State...placed third in meet against William and Mary and Towson with a score of 9.825 on vault...runner-up on vault at Wolfpack Invitational (9.825)...finished third against James Madison with another score of 9.825 on vault...received EAGL All-Academic honors after earning a 4.0 in her first two semesters...received Coaches' Award for vault...named to All-EAGL vault first team...member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Prep:

Alternate for 2000 Junior Olympic Team...placed 15th in All-Around at 2000 British Championships/Olympic Trials...finished second in All-Around at 1999 Pennsylvania State Championships...qualified for 1997 Junior Olympics...participated in 3 British Championships and one English Championship...competed at Level 10 for five years...competed with the AJS Pancotts Club...member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

Personal:

Daughter of Mary and John Williams...born Sept. 21, 1983...given name is Amy Williams...has one brother...majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry...plans to go into either nutrition or medicine.

WILLIAMS' PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite Saying: "It takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile."
Goal for the year: To work hard, qualify for nationals, have fun and have a great year as a team both in and out of the gym
Word that best describes her: Animated
Hobbies: Watching movies, going shopping, reading, swimming, playing tennis, running, cooking and collecting pig-related items
Favorite movie: *Bridget Jones' Diary*
Favorite book: *White Teeth*, Zadie Smith
Earliest gymnastics memory: Jumping off her parents' wardrobe onto their bed



Sophomore Profiles

Courtney Bumpers

- Sophomore
- Stone Mountain, Ga.
- Westminster
- All-Around



As a Freshman:

Earned first-team All-America honors with a fourth place finish on balance beam at the NCAA Championships, the first UNC gymnast to earn that distinction...it is the highest finish by a UNC gymnast at the NCAA meet...she placed second on balance beam in the preliminary round with a 9.900 and fourth in the finals with a 9.863...won the balance beam title at NCAA Regionals with a career-best 9.900...also finished third on floor exercise, fourth in all-around and seventh on



Courtney Bumpers was the 2003 East Atlantic Gymnastic League Rookie of the Year.

vault...won the all-around competition in first four collegiate meets...set school all-around record of 39.600, scored a 9.900 to win balance beam and became one of only three gymnasts in school history to earn a perfect score with a 10.0 on floor exercise at the Governor's Cup...tied the school vault record of 9.950 at Rutgers...became the first Tar Heel to be named EAGL Rookie of the Year...was a two-time EAGL Gymnast of the Week selection...earned unanimous selection to All-EAGL first team on balance beam, vault and all-around...finished season ranked fourth in EAGL

Prep:

Member of championship Junior Olympic National Team 1998-99...placed 1st on floor, 2nd on beam and 6th all-around at Jr. Olympics...1999 and 2001 Georgia High School champion...competed as a Senior International Elite Gymnast 1999-2002...1999 USA Championship competitor...ranked 27th in nation...academic honor roll throughout high school...received Math Award for three years (1999, 2001-2002)...earned Drama Award in 2000 and Environmental Science Award in 2002...participated in National Honor Society.

Personal:

Daughter of Harvey and Shari Bumpers...born December 3, 1984...given name is Courtney Janelle Bumpers...has one sister and one brother...majoring in environmental science...interested in attending law school.

BUMPERS' PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "Two roads diverged in a wood/And I took the one less travelled by/And that has made all the difference."
-Robert Frost

Goal for the year: To qualify as a team for nationals

Word that best describes her: Spontaneous

Greatest moment in athletic career: Experience at 2003 Nationals and being selected as an All-America

Mikel Hester

- Sophomore
- Lexington, S.C.
- Lexington
- All-Around



As a Freshman:

Placed first four times during season, including her first two career collegiate meets, in vault, balance beam and all-around...earned a personal best 39.300 in all-around at Towson to rank fourth among Carolina's top all-around scores...competed as all-arounder at NCAA Regionals, placing seventh...was a competitor in every meet of the season, performing as an all-arounder in six...All-EAGL second team vault selection...named to EAGL All-Academic team...involved in Athletes in Action and FCA.

Prep:

Competed at 2002 Level 10 Nationals, earning fourth place on beam and vault and ninth place on floor...finished second on both beam and floor, fifth on vault and ninth on bars to become the 2002 Region 8 All-Around champion...South Carolina Level 10 state champion from 1999-2002...graduated fourth in high school class...participated on SAT team...member of National Honor Society...honored as Junior Scholar, Palmetto Fellow and AP Scholar with Distinction... National Merit Honorable Mention Finalist.



Mikel Hester won the vault in her debut meet as a freshman. She will be a strong all-arounder again for the Tar Heels in 2004.

Personal:

Daughter of Vernon and Debbie Hester...born February 21, 1984...given name is Mikel Brooks Hester...has one brother...majoring in Biology...plans on being an orthodontist.

HESTER'S PERSONALITY CHART

Best advice received: "Don't worry about anything that you can't control." - her dad

Word that best describes her: Me

Hobbies: Snow-skiing, jet-skiing, reading (sometimes)

Favorite movie: *Love & Basketball*

Favorite book: *Nothing Lasts Forever*; Sidney Shelton

Greatest moment in athletic career: Entire freshman season at Carolina

Earliest gymnastics memory: Winning the Level 4 state championship

Would like to switch places for a day with: Jennifer Aniston

Cecilia Liu

- Sophomore
- Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Mount Tabor
- Uneven Bars



As a Freshman:

Redshirted her freshman season recovering from a knee injury ...named to EAGL All-Academic Team...involved with Campus Y, American Red Cross and Relay for Life.

Prep:

1999 Level 9 North Carolina state champion...1999 Level 9 regional and national champion in the uneven bars...2001 Level 10 state champion in uneven bars...placed third in uneven bars in 2001 Level 10 Regionals... National Honor Society and French National Honor Society member...participated in Red Cross and SADD...2001 Junior Marshal...2001 AP Scholar and 2002 AP Scholar with Distinction ...2002 U.S. Army Reserve Top Female Scholar Athlete Award.

Personal:

Daughter of Sam and Linda Liu...born April 2, 1984...given name is Cecilia Cho-Chun Liu...has two brothers...majoring in exercise and sport science...planning on a career in medicine.

LIU'S PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "Live as if you'll die today. Dream as if you'll live forever."

What she did over the summer: Stayed in Chapel Hill for summer school and training

Word that best describes her: Dedicated

Hobbies: Reading, listening to music and enjoying sunsets

Favorite movie: *The Italian Job*

Earliest gymnastics memory: Jumping and tumbling on a trampoline at one of her birthday parties

Best advice received: "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." -Eleanor Roosevelt

Miranda Ross

- Freshman
- Plano, Texas
- Plano
- All-Around



Prep:

Level 9 Texas floor exercise champion in 2001...third on balance beam at 2001 Level 9 state championship...qualified for 2001 Level 9 Western Nationals...team captain...fifth place on floor exercise at Level 10 Region 3 Championships...member of teams that won Level 8-10 Texas state championships...graduated in top one percent of senior class...National Merit Scholar...AP Scholar with Honor...member of National Honor Society and French National Honor Society...tutored first year French student for one year.

Personal:

Daughter of Jeffrey Ross and Carol Noll...born March 31, 1985, in Tinton Falls, N.J....given name is Miranda June Noll Ross...has one older brother, a senior at Princeton, formerly a Class 1 Gymnast... Enrolled in the General College.

ROSS'S PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return." - *Moulin Rouge*

Goals for the year: To be the best gymnast she can be and to help the team in any way possible

Words that best describe her: "Tree-hugging feminist hippie"

Hobbies: Watching hockey and listening to music

Favorite book: *Harry Potter*, J.K. Rowling

Greatest moment in athletic career: Becoming the 2001 Level 9 Texas state floor exercise champion

Earliest gymnastics memory: Tumbling at an exhibition inside a Barnes & Noble

Christine Robella

- Freshman
- Alexandria, Va.
- West Potomac
- All-Around



Prep:

Coached by Tatiana Perskaia at Capital Gymnastics in Burke, Va...qualified for the 2003 U.S. National Championships with an 18th place all-around finish at the U.S. Classic...also placed sixth on vault at U.S. Classic...2003 and 2001 Junior Olympic National Champion on floor exercise and vault...member of 2001 Junior Olympic National team after finishing third in the all-around...member of high school swimming and diving team and National Honor Society

Personal:

Daughter of Barry and Marilyn Robella...born September 18, 1985, in Belgium...given name is Christine Rene Robella...has one brother who competed for the gymnastics team at the United States Military Academy at West Point and one sister who currently plays soccer for Elon University...Enrolled in the General College.

ROBELLA'S PERSONALITY CHART

Best advice received: "Don't give up." - her mom

Goal for the year: To make nationals as a team

What she did over the summer: Visited a friend in England for a week

Hobbies: Swimming, jet-skiing, outdoor activities

Favorite movie: *Pretty Woman*

Greatest moment in athletic career: Placing third all-around at Junior Olympic Nationals and winning NVSL swim records - one that hadn't been broken in 12 years

Earliest gymnastics memory: learning how to do a back-walkover at age 3

Freshman Profiles



Claire Smith

- Freshman
- Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Durham School of the Arts
- All-Around



Prep:

Level 9 North Carolina all-around and balance beam champion in 2000...finished 17th in all-around at 2000 Eastern Nationals...won balance beam title and placed second in all-around at 2003 Level 10 state meet...finished fourth on balance beam at 2003 Level 10 Region 8 Championships...participated in competitive diving freshman and sophomore year...senior class Valedictorian...member of National Honor Society...named to superintendent's honor roll freshman year...involved in student government as class treasurer sophomore and senior year and class president junior year.

Personal:

Daughter of Michael and Maryann Smith...born December 29, 1984, in Charlotte, N.C....has one older sister...mother competed on University of Massachusetts gymnastics team...majoring in exercise and sports science with plans of owning a gymnastics training facility.

SMITH'S PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life."

Goal for the year: To work together as a team to qualify for NCAA Nationals

Word that best describes her: Fighter

Hobbies: Reading, running and judging gymnastics

Favorite movie: *Life is Beautiful*

Earliest gymnastics memory: Wearing her leotard backwards by accident at her first meet

Courtney Turco

- Freshman
- Springfield, Va.
- West Springfield
- All-Around



Prep:

TOPS national team member...Junior National Elite qualifier...Level 10 vault champion at 2002 Regionals...competed on 2001 Level 10 Virginia state runner-up team...member of Level 10 Region 7 national team...Level 10 State and Regional qualifier for six years...runner-up on beam at 2003 Level 10 state championship...senior class Valedictorian...member of National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and Student Congress..."Odyssey of the Mind" coach for fourth and fifth graders...A-B Honor Roll throughout high school.

Personal:

Daughter of Edward and Lisa Turco...born February 14, 1985, in Alexandria, Va....given name is Courtney Leigh Turco...plans on majoring in journalism.

TURCO'S PERSONALITY CHART

Favorite saying: "A friend is someone who knows you and loves you just the same."

What she did over the summer: Visited London, England and Visby, Sweden, for two weeks

Word that best describes her: Dedicated

Hobbies: Reading, writing, shopping and spending time with friends

Favorite movie: *My Cousin Vinny*

Favorite book: *Music for Chameleons*, Truman Capote

Earliest gymnastics memory: Learning a kip on uneven bars

Lisa Tegethoff

- Freshman
- Clifton, Va.
- Centreville
- All-Around



Prep:

Competed on Virginia state championship team in 2002 where she was runner-up in the all-around...competed on second place team at 2001 state meet...finished fourth on balance beam at 2003 state meet...earned seventh place finish on uneven bars at high school state meet...four-time Level 10 regional qualifier...senior class Valedictorian...member of National Honor Society, National Latin Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and Math Honor Society...named to honor roll all four years...recipient of Scholastic Art Award...received awards for outstanding achievement in AP Latin and BC Calculus...Advanced AP Scholar...presented with Summa Cum Laude Latin Award and Principal's Award.

Personal:

Daughter of Jill and John Tegethoff...born March 18, 1985, in Washington, D.C....given name is Lisa Ann Tegethoff...has one older brother...Enrolled in the General College.

TEGETHOFF'S PERSONALITY CHART

Best advice received: "Always try and put forth your best effort - failure is not possible." - her mom

Goal for the year: To improve skill level and become a part of the team

Word that best describes her: Determined

Hobbies: Reading and painting

Favorite movies: *Dirty Dancing* and *Grease*

Favorite book: *The Bourne Identity*

Earliest gymnastics memory: Playing on the equipment with her best friend

Superstitions: Wears angel earrings when she competes

